# Students sign with Kansas college sports teams

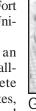
By DICK BOYD

### **Grant Bailey**

Grant Bailey, who was a senior this year at Jennings High School,

has signed a letter of intent to run track at Fort Hays State University.

Bailey is an outstanding allaround athlete for the Coyotes,



G. Bailey having starred in football, basketball and track. A four-year letterman at Jennings, Bailey has competed in three state track meets. Last year he placed fourth in the state meet in Class 1A in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:02.19. In addition to competing

"Grant is an outstanding young man," said Russ Aumiller. Jennings track coach. "He is very coachable. He has a good work ethic and takes sports seriously. He's also good in the classroom."

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seconds better than in the regional

meet and about two seconds off

our school record. Val is the only

one we'll lose off the relay next

Webb, who placed fourth in the

800 meter run last year as a sopho-

more, finished second this year

with a personal best time of

2:28.18. "Lanee ran very well in

Clements placed fifth in the

1600 meter run with a personal

best time of 5:44.59. "I'm very

happy for Bethany," said Coach

The Logan girls 4 x 100 meter

Brumbaugh, sophomore Jenny

Noel, sophomore Darci Goddard

the finals. They just missed quali-

Nighswonger. "I was happy that

they qualified when they placed

**Logan Boys** 

Senior Tyson Triplett was the

only Logan boy to qualify for state

meet competition. He competed in

the discus, shot put and javelin at

the state meet for the second

straight year. His best perfor-

mance was in the discus where he

threw a personal best distance of 144'7" to place ninth. He missed

He placed 13th in the shot put

with a distance of 43'61/2" and 14th

in the javelin with a distance of 143'.

some really good competition,"

said Coach Nighswonger. "He

came close to medaling in the dis-

cus and probably would have in

the javelin if he hadn't reinjured

his arm that he hurt in the regional

meet. He threw 161'7" to place

"It's quite an accomplishment

for Tyson to have competed in the

state meet for several years in all

Jennings Boys

The Jennings 4 x 800 meter re-

lay team was undefeated this sea-

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third in the regional.

three events."

"Tyson was throwing against

medaling by nine inches.

Tying by about 1 1/2 seconds.

said

the 800 meters,"

Nighswonger.

state meet is cool."

back next year.

atmosphere."

"Grant Bailey is a great young goal attempts and swished 81.7 perman," said Fort Hays Coach Jim Krob, who shares coaching duties with Coach Dennis Weber. "He has a lot of potential and will work hard. We are really happy when we can sign local, area athletes." Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Mike Bailey of Jennings.

### Val Jackson

Val Jackson, a 6' player on the Logan High School girls basketball team, has signed a letter of intent to play for Colby Community College in

Jackson is a four-year letter winner in basketball, volleyball and track. She was chosen first team All-Cheyenne Con-

Colby, KS.

ference for three years and also received some all-state honors.

senior year with 15.3 points per game, 8.2 rebounds, and 3.9 assists. She hit 56.2 percent of her field

cent from the free throw line.

"Val was one of the hardest working players on our team," said Logan Head Girls Basketball Coach Linda Nighswonger. "She was one of the first into the gym for practice and one of the last to leave. She is an excellent team leader.

'She should be very successful in college. She has lots of basketball skills and knows the game. If she had the ball and was covered, she was good at finding the open person."

"Val is a very versatile athlete. She can play inside or outside," said Colby Community College Head Women's Basketball Coach Tom Stephens. "She sees the floor well and is a good perimeter shooter. She is an extremely hard worker. She'll only get better and will make our team better.

"Having had the opportunity to play on the perimeter in high school will really help her. She will be a really good college player. She is one of the best Kansas players we'll sign. Playing with other talented players in college will make her even better."

**Northern Valley Boys** 

Northern Valley placed fourth in

his preliminary heat of the 110

16.00 on Friday, then placed

fourth in the finals on Saturday

Copper also recorded a personal

best distance of 41'4" in the triple

jump to place 11th. He was just 7

1/2 inches away from medaling.

"Joey had a real good meet,"

Junior Jesse Hilburn placed

with a time of 15.73.

Sophomore Joey Copper of

and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Logan.

Other area players also signed with Coach Stephens to play for Colby are Ivy Ramsey of Colby and Jill Mahoney, Russell, who will transfer and be a sophomore.

"We'll have one of our better Hays Coach Kansas recruiting classes coming in," said Coach Stephens.

Coach Stephens is a New Almelo native and Lenora High School graduate. He has been head women's basketball coach at Colby Community College for seven years. His Colby team had an outstanding season this year. They complied a 29-4 record and were ranked No. 8 in the nation.

### **Amy Myers**

Norton Community High School senior Amy Myers has signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Myers is a four-year letter winner in cross country and placed 38th in the state cross country meet in Wamego this season. She is a three-year letter winner in track at

meter hurdles with a 43.38 time

and did not qualify for the finals.

Jackson is the daughter of Mr. NCHS and a two-year qualifier in as a linebacker his junior season. He the 3200 meter run in the state track meet Wichita.

"We're really happy to have Amy sign with us," said Fort Jim Krob, who is in his 17th year at Fort Hays. "We need



distance and cross country woman runners and really like it when we can find them locally. We look forward to working with Amy."

"She started as a little freshman and, as the years progressed, she got stronger and better," said Coach Deyton Hager, Myers' NCHS cross country coach. "She had an asthma problem as a junior and it was hard for her to get motivated. She came on strong in her senior year.

"It's great to see her go on to run at Fort Hays. She is very deserving and can make a strong contribution to Fort Hays. We'll be just as proud of her as when she was running here."

"Amy has four years of experience. She's got her medical asthma problem figured out and should do well this season," said NCHS Track Coach Bruce Graber. "She doesn't have the speed to compete at the shorter distances so will probably run the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

"Fort Hays has a great track and cross country program. They do a great job with distance runners. If you want to run distance, that's the place to go. We wish her the best."

Myers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers, Norton.

### Tyson Triplett

Tyson Triplett, a 6'2", 235 pound senior offensive and defensive lineman for Logan High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson.

An All-Cheyenne Conference performer, Triplett also received honorable mention all-state honors on the offensive line this season and

is also an All-Cheyenne Conference basketball player and is outstanding in track and field events where he has won many gold medals in the shot put, discus and javelin.

"Tyson is a great team leader," said Logan Head Football Coach Bryce Woodall. "All the underclassmen look up to him. He has a

weights, he never cuts corners. "He is very likeable and did a good job as our student council

"We're really excited about signing Tyson," said Hutchinson Head Football Coach Craig Jersild. "We'll play him at linebacker and he has a chance to help us early on. Our linebackers have to have size and Tyson has the size

"He also has the good character

we like in our athletes. He's a good person, great worker and good student. We can't wait to get Tyson here with us."

Mrs. Rick Triplett of Logan.

compiled a 7-4 record last season.

in the nation. They competed in the "We like Kansas players," said

college means more to them." One of the Kansas players on the

Hutchinson team who is from Northwest Kansas is one of the largest players in the nation. Brandon Offutt is a Golden Plains graduate who will be a sophomore next season and will be switched from offensive line to defensive line. A former outstanding high school player, Offutt is 6'8" and weighs 400 pounds!

ALL-AMERICAN

#### in the 800 meter run this season, he is a member of the 4 x 800 meter V. Jackson and 4 x 400 meter relay teams.

She led the Lady Trojans her

Area teams do well at state track meet son heading into the state meet and will do well for Fort Hays where they placed second with an State." outstanding time of 8:39.92. Team members and their splits were

> senior Grant Bailey, 2:09. "This was one of the highest places ever in the state meet in a

freshman Marcus McKenna, 2:04;

sophomore Josh Vahling, 2:13;

running event for Jennings," said Jennings Head Coach Russ Aumiller. "This was definitely the highlight of the meet for us. I gave all members of the team the "Most Valuable Track Athlete Award".

Nighswonger. "This was a good lay team placed seventh in their experience for her. There aren't preliminary race on Friday with a meter high hurdles with a time of that many runners in the 1600 in time of 3:39.02 and did not qualify most of our meets so she isn't used for the finals. They had the tenth to running in a crowd. She got fastest time overall out of the two boxed in once, then made her way preliminary heats. Team members up in the pack. For a freshman to were: Brett McKenna, Marcus McKenna, sophomore Jake place fifth in the 1600 meters in the Kramer and Bailey.

relay team of sophomore Megan 4 x 400 meter relay team to the said Northern Valley Head Coach state meet," said Coach Aumiller. Chuck Fessenden. "He was fourth "It was the first time there for in the hurdles and set a personal and freshman Anne Hartman ran Marcus McKenna and Jake record in the triple jump.' a 54.53 in their preliminary race on Kramer. It's a big event and gave Friday but they did not qualify for them good experience."

also competed in the 800 meter "Our 4 x 100 meter relay team run. McKenna placed ninth with a ran pretty well," said Coach time of 2:10.28 and Bailey was 16th with a time of 2:18.04.

fourth in the regional. It was a good experience for them. They are all young and will be hungry to get "Everyone performed well for us. The state meet is a neat place have a good race in the open 800 to compete. It's a whole different on Saturday. He had a good career

### senior Brett McKenna, 2:12 and the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:21.22. She was also the only member of the Jennings girls track "I'm really happy for her," said Coach Aumiller. "The boys are just as happy for her because she ran with them in practice."

The Coyotes' 4 x 400 meter re-

'We were just happy to get our

Bailey and Marcus McKenna

"Bailey is our top 800 meter runner and is a four-time state meet competitor," said Coach Aumiller. "He was fourth in the 800 in the state meet last year and ran well on the relays this year but just didn't



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He also competed in the high jump **Jennings Girls** where he tied for 13th with a height Sophomore Nakita Graf was the only Jennings girl competitor at the state meet. She placed 11th in Sophomore Avery Thalheim

> throw of 145'3". Sophomore Clarke Nelson competed in the pole vault but did not make opening height.

placed 13th in the javelin with a

"I was a little disappointed with some of the performances but it was the first time at the state meet for most of our athletes," said Coach Fessenden. "The main thing is that it was a good experience and we have everybody back next year."

### Northern Valley Girls

Northern Valley junior Lindsey Graham competed in the discus and placed 11th with a distance of 99'11".

Lady Husky freshman Kelli Cole competed in the high jump and cleared 4'8" to tie for tenth.

'Both Lindsey and Kelli are good competitors and will be back next year," said Coach Fessenden. "Kelli jumped 4'10" to place second in the regional and would have medaled sixth in his preliminary heat of 300 in the state meet at that height."

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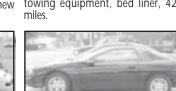
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Hutchinson Community College placed third in the tough Jayhawk Junior College Conference and 13th

Valley of the Sun Bowl game. Coach Jersild. "Our best players are from Kansas. Playing for a Kansas







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